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### DASENT IS ACQUITTED.

Judge Alford Holds that He Was Justified in What He Did.

Hardly had the last word of testimony left the mouth of Berry Dasent, in Criminai Court, yesterday, when Judge Alford declared him not guilty. Mr. Dasent had given a clear account of an incident that occurred on the evening of Nov. 17, at the ticket office of English's Opera House, shortly before the "Parson Jim" company went to the wall.

Mr. Dasent was manager of the company. On the evening in question he was standing in front of the ticket office talking to Ad F. Miller, when, he testified, he made the remark that the company was in a bad condition financially, and that the actors had not been paid. Inside the ticket office stood Nicholas Noyes, a sort of assistant manager. Mr. Dasent did not know

"You are a liar. We have receipts for your salary to date," came from Noyes, Mr. Desent testified. "That is none of your affair." said Mr. Dasent.

Then, Mr. Dasent says, Noyes struck the window at him. Dasent reached in after Noyes, and might have struck him if he had been able to reach

As it was, Noyes had Dasent arrested and fined \$1, with \$18 costs, in Justice Clark's court. Meantime, the scenery of the "Parson Jim" company was attached by Mr. Dasent, who is now in the city awaiting the outcome of the attachment

Mr. Desent said on the witness stand that he had picked up Noyes and made him what he was, but that Noyes had worked to undermine his standing with Oliver ones, the moneyed man of the company He said he heard from Jones and Noyes the sther day. They were then in Chicago.

### THROUGH H. D. LEE

The Indiana Wholesale Grocers Wil Order Their Tobacco.

Chairman Kothe and Secretary Coffin, of the Indiana Wholesale Grocers' Association, have had their heads together for two days trying to fathom the full effect of the recent order of the Continental Tobacco Company (the trust), that does away with the old discount of 10 per cent. to job bers that sell at list price, and fixes schedule of discounts based on impossible sales that make it out of the question for ber to secure a discount unless he combines his order with a multitude o others and places it through H. D. Lee, of New York, whom the trust has designated as purchasing agent. Mr. Lee is chairman of the executive committee of the National Grocers' Association. Both Mr. Kothe and Mr. Coffin are of opinion that all Indiobbers will order through Mr. Lee, in which event they will get their proportional share of the discount. The order is the subject of much comment in wholesale cir-

Insure with the Indianapolis Fire Insurance Company, 148 East Market street.

### BUSINESS MEN' PLEASED

ENTHUSIASTIC OVER THE TRADE OF THE YEAR JUST CLOSING.

All Branches Benefit by the Wave of Prosperity-What Merchants Have to Say.

The wholesale men and jobbers of Indianapolis are all wearing smiles, for they have enjoyed the banner year in their business. Sales have been larger and the profits consequently more gratifying. A for Christmas greetings. A stamp Journal reporter called on many of them yesterday and asked for expressions from them as to the condition of their business and the cause of the prosperity. As will be seen in the interviews given below they all say they are well satisfied with the business done this year; that they have placed more goods on the market and received better prices than ever before. All branches of business have benefited by the great wave of prosperity which has swept over the country. The wholesale men attribute their successful year to the fact that everybody has more money, and that with the confidence combined they put their money into circulation and buy more and better goods than ever before. Here is what some of the leading men in the various lines of trade have to say:

> A. Kiefer: "The drug business has been exceptionally prosperovs this year. The prosperity is simply an example of history repeating itself. In 1892 we had a prosperous year, and then business fell off for a few years. In the last three years it has been gradually increasing until this year it is probably the best we ever enjoyed. The farmers have more money, which is the prime cause of the general prosperity, and then they put it into circulation, which helps every branch of business. In the drug business there have been very few failures, while the small dealers have enjoyed a very prosperous year."

George Hitz, president Hitz Baking Company: "First of all I will say that the ause of the general prosperity of m; business as well as all lines of business the country over, can be laid at the feet of President McKinley. He brought prosperity to the country, and since his election business has rapidly grown better until this year we will chalk up our banner business. If I were a l'emocrat I tell you that I would vote the Republican ticket hereafter as a business proposition, if for nothing else, for everybody realizes that the confidence which was restored by Mc-Kinley's election is largely responsible for the good times. I know of an instance before the presidential election where a business man took his money and converted it into gold coin. He rented a box in a safe-ty deposit and stated that he would leave it there until he found out who would be elected. When the votes were counted and McKinley was the man he took the money out in a few days and loaned it. This was done by thousands of others because they had confidence in the Republican administration. Business has improved, and r we are getting better prices for our goo than ever before. It is the banner year, and we expect business to continue to

THE HARDWARE TRADE. S. C. Carey, of Layman & Carey, wholesale hardware: "This year is one of the best we ever nad and the good business in our line has been general all over the country. Since 1896 the business has been increasing until now we are putting more goods on the market than ever before. There have been an exceedingly small number of failures in the hardware trade and our firm has only met with one, and that was a man who went into business with the intention of defrauding his creditors. It is an easy matter to account for the general prosperity all over the country. Th farmers receive good prices for their produce and they place their money in circula-tion. The small dealers buy in larger quan-ties now than they did a few years ago because there is a great demand for the goods.' The prices have advanced but the consumers are willing to pay the higher rices because they have the money. Very few people are idle and those who don't work have no ambition. Our fall business has been heavier than it ever was before The outlook for next year's business is decidedly encouraging and the fact that it presidential year, when business more or less falls off, will not affect us as

much as heretofore. J. N. Carey, manager Daniel Stewart wholesale drugs: "You ask me how our business has been and I answer that it has been very prosperous. For the cause of this general prosperity you can ask McKinley. For three years the country has been prosperous and business has rapidly increased. We have done more business than ever before and I think that the same may be said about other business men. We hope to do a still large business next year. William M. Jillson, of Knight & Jillson, steam, water and gas supplies: "This has been a very successful year for us and the outlook is very bright. Owing to the large advance in iron goods, which are from 80 to 100 per cent. higher in the raw than they were a year ago, our receipts are larger than ever before, but the tonnage of goods that we have shipped does not equal last vear. Iron has advanced rapidly and no he people are becoming accustomed to the higher prices. At first men came into our house and wanted to contract for pipe, but when given figures nearly double what they were a year ago they refused to buy. Now hey pay the high prices without a murmur. The reason is that they can afford to do so for there is more money in the country than ever before and the great prosperity is general all over the United States. In our business the immense advance in iron caused a slight falling off in the amount of material we sold for awhile and the contractors and other buyers held back for awhile thinking they would be profited by decline, but when they realized that there was no cut in sight they bought at the higher prices. We can hardly predict the price of iron for next year, and as the market depends largely on securing the raw material, it is hard to predict so far ahead. but I am safe in saying. I think, that next

vear will also be a good one in a business BEST THEY EVER HAD. James Broden, manager M. O'Connor & C .: "In answer to your question as to how our business this year compared with former years, I will say that it is one of the best years we have ever had. The general prosperity has helped the groceryman as well as other branches of business There have been but few failures this year. People have more money and are paying better prices for their goods. We expecanother big year next year.

H. B. Hibben, Murpay, Hibben & Co. wholesale dry goods: "So far this year we have done a remarkable business and the tendency seems to continue to be good. The prosperity is caused by the people having more money and in our business we have noted the fact that they are buying a better class of goods than ever before. The small merchants are prospering under this state of anairs and all are naking money. If they fall in business durng this general prosperity it is the fault of gross mismanagement and cannot be aid to hard times, for there are none. The usiness has not abated yet and the prossects for next season are brighter than

Henry Severin, of Severin & Ostermeyer: We have done an excellent business this ear and the mere fact that fancy and highgrade goods are being sold in abundance hows that the people have money to spend nd that prosperity is general. We are leased with the outlook for next year and xpect to eclipse former sales." B. E. Parrott, of Parrott & Taggart, akers: "A young man called at my office he other day and wanted to sell a cheap contrivance for a typewriter and when I isked him why so many people were buyng the machine he said that owing to the hard times they could not afford to pay nore. He could not have made a statement hat was further from the true condition of affairs, for this year has been the most uccessful that has ever been known by ousinses men. The millers are probably the only ones who have not shared to a handhome extent in the general prosperity and hey have not because flour is so cheap. In our business we are getting better prices than ever before and people are buying fancy goods to a greater extent. This is

with the condition of affairs and the out-look for next year is encouraging." A BIG YEAR EXPECTED.

A. F. Wyon, of Holiday & Wyon: "Never before in the history of our business have we done the great volume of business accomplished this year. This prosperity is due to the fact that people have more money and confidence in the condition of anairs. The prices of leather goods and hardware have increased, but people are willing to pay the advance. We expect a big year in 1900, and do not believe that the presidential election will have as depressing an effect upon business as in former years." W. D. Cooper, wholesale bools and shoes: "It is well known all along Meridian street that this has been the best year in every branch of business. Failures have been very few and everybody is prosperous. Farmers get good prices for their produce, and they put their money into circulation. Very few persons are unemployed and money is more plentiful. We have not made an accurate estimate, but I will say that our business has been 20 per cent, larger this year than during any previous year. Our traveling men are all on the road now, selling spring goods, and already they have sent in 19 per cent, more orders than we ever had for spring goods before at this time of year." George Vondersaar, manager Syerup & Co., commission dealers: "In our business the condition of crops has a great deal to do with prices, but this year farmers and fruit growers are getting more money for their crops than for many years. The commission men can afford to pay more money, for the consumers have more money to pay the higher prices. It has been a good year for every person in this line of business, and the prosperity is general."

Frederick C. Wellman, manager of Jacob Metzger & Co.: "This has been the best year in the history of the firm, and we can account for our prosperity by the fact that people have more money to spend for our line of goods. We have done an immense business and the prospects for next year are

### CONDITIONS IN MEXICO

A DURANGO MAN TALKS OF THE IN-DUSTRIAL SITUATION THERE.

Free Silver a Great Evil to Commercial Enterprises-The Drummers' Mistake-The Hotels.

scornful exclamation: Mackle's opinion, is because nearly all the railroad, mining and manufacturing enterses in the country are conducted by

Frank B. Shutts's Candidacy. ney & Shutts, of Aurora, arrived at the Denison yesterday and at once announced his candidacy for the nomination for Lieutenant Governor on the Republican ticket. His friends say he has been making a horough but quiet canvass of the southe n part of the State and now hopes to go before the convention with the solid support of the Fourth district, together with many pledges of a "second-choice" support from all parts of the State. Mr. Shutts has been prominent in Republican politics for several years.

Holtz Put a Bullet in the Hip of a

William Brown, a young man living at 518 Garden street, who was arrested yesterday afternoon by Detective Holtz, was, before being locked up, taken into the City Dispensary where a bullet hole wound in the right hip was dressed. The wound was made by a bullet from Holtz's revolver. Brown, after being arrested, jerked away and ran, refusing to stop on the order of

n searching for stolen brass. He went through a junk shop at Merrill street and pictous. As he stepped out the rear door o the store room he put his foot on a sack which was found to contain ninety-two ployes claimed to know nothing of the brass, and said they did not know it was there. Holtz was about to get into a buggy and go to police headquarters with the lunk dealer when he saw Brown standing asked about the brass the man turned pale. Holtz was satisfied Brown had left the brass there, and took hold of him and conran into the river bottom. His injury was

Two New Incorporations.

The Baker Brothers' Glass Company, of Arcadia, was incorporated yesterday with a capital stock of \$20,000. The directors are John D. Baker, Ulysses G. Baker, C. H. 134; Wiley, 139. Total, 1,436. Baker, Mary E. Baker and John Robbins. The Homestead Building and Loan Asociation, of Shelbyville, was incorporated with a cap. al stock of \$500,0.0. The directors are Edward Small, Thomas W. Flemming, Joseph Bowlby, Charles E. Ensomyer, William Wagner, Julius L. Showers, caused by the fact that they have more Robert W. Harrison, money to spend. Everybody seems satisfied Joseph E. McCartney Robert W. Harrison, J. k. Jameson and

IN THE SECOND CONTEST.

Capital City Team-Several High Scores Made in I. B. L.

Bowling Games To-Night. -Marion County League .-Apollo vs. Oneida ......Oneida Central vs. Nonparell ..... Turners Oriental vs. Stone Palace......Marion -Independent League .-Lawtons vs. Prospects.........Washington

Standing Independent League. Clubs. Turners ......16 Washington ......14 Lyra ......14

Pastimes .....10 North Sides ..... 9 Crescents ..... Volunteers ...... 7

#### Meteors ...... 6 United States ..... 3

A. H. Mackie, of Durango, Mex., who is at the Bates, gave his views on industrial conditions in Mexico as compared with present conditions in this country. He said the greatest evil commercial enterprises had to contend with in Mexico was the fact that all business other than that of a purely local character had to be done on a fiftycents-on-the-dollar basis, and while the fact that labor could be paid in Mexican silver was something in the way of a compensation for the great drawback of being in a free-silver country, yet it was not a sufficiently great one to be seriously considered. He said in railroad and other work where the brains of the enterprise have to be supplied by Americans the conflicting conditions were severely felt, and while Mexican railroads managed by prudent methods to keep from suspending business, there would be no golden harvest for them until present rates for freight nad passenger traffic were brought up in reality to what they purported to be. He said the government fixed the charges of all kinds, and, while the tariff sheets showed apparently good rates for the railroads, all bills were payable in silver, which was on the basis of 50 cents. on the dollar. On the other hand, all employes in responsible places, such as conductors and engineers, exacted salaries in silver sufficiently large to make their earnings amount to the average pay on American railways in American coin. He said the principal thing that kept American manufacturers out of Mexico was the fact that American manufacturers refused to make the kind of goods the natives wanted, but, instead, tried to cultivate a taste for such goods as were in demand in this country. The result was that foreign manufacturers who are willing to give them what they want have the trade. For example, Mr. Mackie said that in such trade as cotton prints, which torm the largest part of the Mexican woman's wardrobe, the average American house sends a drummer into the country with a sample trunk full of calico in stripes, polka dots and horseshoes of modest colors. The drummer displays his wares and finds that while the cultivated shopkeepers admire them greatly they refuse to buy. Sometimes they suggest that it would be good policy for the drummer to bring around some calicoes with butterlies, flowers in bright colors and buils' heads on them, but the drummer refuses to take the hint, always retiring behind the "Why, those things have been out of date for years!" His posiion is a praiseworthy one, but not one for his own good, for the natives demand the kind of goods that please them, and, while the American is trying to educate them up to the point of wearing stripes and polka dots, the German and French manufacturers make special dies and print a lot of calleo in rainbow colors for the Mexican trade and get all the orders. In such things as machinery, however, the Americans have practically the entire field; but this, in Mr.

Americans, who neturally have confidence in the manufactures of their own country. Frank B. Shutts, of the law firm of Dow-

### THE DETECTIVE FIRED.

Fleeing Man.

Holtz was doing special work yesterday Kentucky avenue, but found nothing suspounds of brass of the kind for which he was searching. The proprietor and his emnot far away intently watching his movements. He questioned Brown, and when tinued the talk. Brown jerked away and

# THE MARIONS' BIG SCORE Kopp. 114; Hirst, 97; Hartley, 146; White,

WAS FOLLOWED BY POOR BOWLING

Turners Win Two Games from the

Capital City ......12

Standing Indianapolis League. Clubs. Won. Lost. Pct Lawtons ......12 .688 Prospects ......11 City ..... 7

In the first game between the Marions and the Pastimes at the Turners' alleys last night the former team rolled a magnificent contest, piling up a score of 906, winning by a margin of 150 pins. The second game was a different story, however, for the Marions fell down and the Pastimes won out. In the third game the Marions again rolled in good form and succeeded in winning. The Turners took the first and third games from the Capital Citys. In the second contest the Turners did not roll in good form and their opponents won. In No. 5 engine house, 120 West Fifteenth the games between the Lyras and the North Sides the Lyras won the first two games. The Volunteers succeeded in taking two of the three games from the I. B. C., on the Lyra alleys. In the last contest the score was very close and W. Mannfeld won it for the Volunters by making a spare and then on the last ball making a strike. The Washingtons took two games from the Crescents. The individual scores were as follows:

MARIONS VS. PASTIMES. -First Game .-

Marions-Brown, 180; Leap, 150; Cooper Krauss, 126; W. Buschmann, 164; Buschmann, 161. Total, 744.

-Second Game.-Marions-Carter, 147; Mundell, 198; Clark, 168; Cooper, 132; Williams, 129. Total, 774. mann, 183; A. Buschmann, 119; Stanley, 209; Root, 143. Total, 789. -Third Game.-

Marions-Brown, 187; Browder, 151; Erdelneyer, 112; Carter, 147; Bryson, 155. Total Pastimes-G. Buschmann, 189; Allen, 137 Stanley, 149; Root, 164; Krauss, 142. Total.

IND. TURNERS VS. CAPITAL CITY. -First Game .-I. T. V.—Dicks, 145; Seidensticker, 167 Shreve, 184; Fields, 167; Siersdorfer, 130 Capital City-Vinson, 162; Garstang,

Comstock, 135; Sargent, 136; Havelick, 149

Total, 734.

-Second Game.-Capital City-W. Garstang, 140; Kahlo, 162; Tuttle, 159; Woods, 170; Smith, 166. To-I. T. V.-Fields, 132; A. Seidensticker, 124; Shreve, 143; Jungclaus, 132; Siersdorfer, 150,

-Third Game.-I. T. V .- Dicks, 149; Schrader, 157; Balz, 159; Lauter, 153; G. Siersdorfer, 170. Total, Capital City-Vinson, 133; F. Garstang, 182; Kahlo, 139; Wood, 127; Smith, 136. Total, NORTH SIDE VS. LYRA.

-First Game.-Lyra-Von Hake, 199; P. F. Myer, 161; R Keller, 126; D. Mueller, 176; W. Kothe, 163 l'otal, 824. North Side-W. Lockman, 171; E. Wy rick, 164; Redington, 144; Wickerd, 170 Teede, 143. Total, 792.

-Second Game,-Lyra-Von Hake, 176; F. Ittenbach, 135; R. Smith. 204; C. C. Perry, 189; T. Wynne, 130. Total, 834. North Side-Juday, 150; Walters, 158 Simpson, 143; Pete Smith, 169; F. Bosler, 155. Total, 755.

North Side-Juday, 168; Walters, 131; H Smith, 172; Bosler, 160; Simpson, 148. Total Lyra-Day, 113; R. Smith, 170; T. S. Myer, 161; Schaff, 116; W. Kothe, 109. Total, 719. I. B. C. VS. VOLUNTEER.

-First Game .-I. B. C.-Bauer, 196; Burton, 159; Mueller, 192; C. Hohl, 135; W. Off, Total, 851. Volunteer-Evans, 156; W. Mannfeld, 143; Bieler, 130; McDaniel, 145; Brown, 142 Total, 716. Second Game .-

I. B. C.-Bauer, 143; Burton, 142; Mueller, 174; Leppert, 137; W. Off, 1 Total, 713. Volunteer-Schulmeyer, 119; Meinsinger 144; L. Brown, 161; Korn, 121; McDaniel, 181. Total, 727. -Third Game.-

I. B. C .- C. Hohl, 149; F. Kotteman, 171 H. Smith, 148; Armstrong, 146; G. Mannfeld, 166. Total, 770. Volunteer-Evans, 167; Schulmeyer, 135 Biele , 167; Sielken, 155; W. Mannfeld, 157 Total, 781. WASHINGTON VS. CRESCENT.

-First Game.-Washington-C. Piel, 152; Rebler, 138 Quill, 141; Hardie, 187; H. Old, 178. Total, Crescent-Kimberlin, 158; Horuff, 139 Sims, 154; G. Meyer, 120; E. Meyer, 164. Total, 735.

-Second Game .-

Washington-Wiese, 126; Herr, 139; Iliff 124; G. Kirkhoff, 158; Quill, 146. Total, 693. Crescent-Ballard, 154; Hunter, 135; Kimberlin, 152; Sims, 135; G. Meyer, 138. Total, -Third Game.-Washington-Wiese, 138; E. Mueller, 166 Hiff, 121; Hardie, 149; G. Kirkhoff,

Total, 758 Crescent-Ballard, 122; Hunter, 143; Root 120; Noll, 180; G. Meyer, 133. Total, 698. Independent League.

The Deweys strengthened their hold second place last night by taking two games from the U.S. team by good scores in each game. The Citys and Meteors split

as follows: U. S. VS. DEWEYS. -First Game .-U. S .- Floyd, 138; Doran, 140; Ostermeyer, 133; Mahoney, 185; Schwies, 121; Martin, 119; Sudbrock, 125; Piel, 140; Meyers, 108; Bock, 169. Total, 1,378.

Deweys-Trosky, 165; Boyle, 105; Gates, 172; Linegar, 126; Romer, 177; Wilworth, 110; Fuehring, 171; Reid, 147; Wiley, 148. Total, -Second Game .-U. S.-Lloyd, 162; Doran, 148; Ostermeyer, 150; Martin, 130; Schwier, 118; Mahoney, 136; Sudbrock, 110; Piel, 112; Meyers, 125; Bock, 102. Total, 1,293. Deweys-Trosky, 153; Stocking, 127; Gates, 146; Linegar, 121; Power, 150; Wilworth, 143; McLaugnlin, 164; Fuehring, 133; Reed,

CITY VS. METEORS. -First Game .-City-Moore, 109; Rosasco, 146; Hornaday, 112; Williams, 162; Perrott, 156; Lingenfel-

ter, 173; Lewis, 144; Zearing, 139; Painter, 144; Urmston, 124. Total, 1,409. Meteors-Koelling, 119; Borgerding, Jackson, 120; Reger, 124; Hampton,

-Second Game .-City-Moore, 174; hosasco, 143; Hornaday, 131; Williams, 96; Perrott, 145; Lingenfelter, 119; Lewis, 119; Zearing, 112; Painter, 118; Urmston, 163. Total, 1,223 Meteors-Horgerding, 161; White, 170; Koelling, 123; Jackson, 125; Hampton, 151; Kopp. 119; Reger. 98; Kossing, 144; Hartley, 112; Gambold, 148. Total, 1,351.

WILL MANAGE THE REDS.

"Bob" Allen Will Not Play in Indianapolis This Year.

"Bob' Allen, who was manager of the Indianapolis Club for two years, will not be with the Hoosiers again next season. It is officialy announced that he will be at the head of the Cincinnati Club in the capacity of manager, the deal having been finally consummated yesterday. It was announced a few days ago that Allen would probably be with the Reds, but this was not confirmed until yesterday, when John T. Brush admitted that Allen had been secured to manage the Cincinnati club. Mr. Brush would not discuss the matter, or state what the plans will be for next sea-

### A FIREMAN BADLY HURT

WEBB J. ROBERTSON, A WELL-KNOWN MAN IN THE SERVICE.

Probably Fatal Injuries Received While on His Way to a Fire Last Night.

The fire department started out at 10 clock last night for a busy hour and the first run on a call from Box 139 for a fire at Thomson's planing mill, 1015 East Tenth street, resulted in probable fatal injuries to Hoseman Webb Robertson, stationed at

As the hose wagon turned into Lewis street it struck a log, overturning the wagon, breaking the tongue and one of th wheels and throwing the occupants in several directions. Robertson was on the rear end and was thrown against the curb

alighting on his head. The City Hospital ambulance was quickly summoned and he was taken home, the others on the wagon proceeding to the fire. Police Surgeon Christian was called and it was found that the base of the skull was fractured. Robertson suffered greatly, the blood from the fracture issuing from 98; Williams, 162; Bryson, 216. Total, 906. | the blood from the fracture issuing from Pastimes—Allen, 164; H. Buschmann, 129; his eyes, mouth and ears. So great was the hemmorhage that one of his eyes an hour later was forced almost out of the socket. The doctors were of the opinion at a late hour that he could not live until morning. Pastimes-Seidensticker, 135; G. Busch- | Captain Hoyl, Driver Oliver Montgomery and Hoseman Peter Hovey were on the wagon and all were considerably bruised but not seriously injured.

Robertson, who is forty-seven years of age, has for sixteen years been a member f the fire department, and was once on he police force. He lives with his wife and laughter at 126 West Fifteenth street. About 10:20 the department was called to the store of the Indianapolis Coffin Company, 344 East Washington street, where an overheated metal plate under a stove started a smoldering fire in the floor. It was put out with but slight loss. Before the wagons left the East Washington-street fire, an alarm was sent in from Box 39 for a fire at 611 Maxwell street. An overheated stove in the residence of Dodd Jewett, occupied by Elmer Smith, started a fire which caused a loss of \$25.

### BURGLARS AT WORK.

Two Firms Suffer a Combined Loss of \$2,500.

The Russell Windstacker Company and Smith & Gray, jewelers, occupants of the Commercial building, at Kentucky avenue and Washington street, found yesterday morning that they had suffered a combined loss of about \$2,500, their offices having been ransacked by burglars some time during the night. The office of the windstacker company was entered by prying open a door leading from the hall to the main office. The safe, in a small room off the main office, had been left unlocked except the inner door, which was pried open. From the safe was taken drafts, checks and money amounting to \$1,400, a quantity of old jewelry kept as helrlooms and a box belonging to A. A. Russell, containing bonds and valuable papers. H. A Russell, his son, who is in charge of the box contained, but was satisfied his father's bonds and valuable documents were kept in the box. The drafts taken had not been indorsed by the firm and were drawn by the following banks:

The Farmers' Bank, Villisco, Ia., \$112.85; First National Bank of Redwing, Minn. \$126.75; Bank of Enid, O. T., \$119.90; First National Bank of Fremont, O., \$65.92; City National Bank of Dayton, O., \$119.75; Rushviile National Bank, \$124.75; Mad River National Bank, of Springfield, O., \$76.51; Still-water Valley National Bank, of Covington,

O., \$135.13; Fi st National Bank of Brazil, \$135; Merchants' National Bank of Cedar Rapids, Ia., \$138.73; First National Bank of Dickinson, N. D., \$126.50, and the Bank of Mabel, Minn., \$124.65. The thieves left untouched a case containing notes amounting to \$60,000 which was in the safe. It has been the practice in the office to lock the inside door of the safe, but to leave the outer door shut and

the combination turned only enough to prevent the opening of the door without turning it to the "stop. The jewelry store was entered by a window over the stairway, which was reached by placing a board overhead. A new safe was recently placed in the office and it was not touched, though everything else in the place was gone through. One watch and a large quantity of small articles of small worth were taken, making an aggregate loss of only \$100. The building in which the offices are located is one occupied by firms for business

purposes, and on the upper floors are sleep ing rooms. The robberies are considered by the detectives as being very bold, but not necessarily the work of professionals.

KNIGHTSTOWN ORPHANS' HOME Report to the Governor Shows Condi-

tion of Institution.

The annual report of the Indiana Soleven in their games last night, each team diers' and Sallors' Orphans' Home at taking a game. The individual scores were Knightstown, filed with the Governor yesterday, shows the home to be in a healthy condition. The superintendent says the home is in need of more farm land that cows may be pastured and additional produce raised. At the end of the fiscal year 1898 there were 628 inmates in the home, of whom 371 were boys and 267 were girls. This year there were 639 enrolled, of whom 373 were boys and 266 were girls. Of the home farm there are 170 acres under cultivation, on which the following products were raised: Clover hay, 40 tons; oats, 550 bushels; corn, 1,350 bushels; potatoes, 2,700 bushels; wheat, 960 bushels. There was produced in the home garden 16,000 dozen bunches of rhubarb, 155 bushele of green peas, 900 bushels of tomatoes, 4,000 dozen beets, 14,000 dozen radishes, 9,000 heads of cabbage and 312 bushels of beans. There are twenty children from Marion county

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WHAT CONTRACTS AND FRANCHISE COMMITTEE WANTS.

Its Position on the Gas Question as Outlined by Chairman Evans Yesterday.

Because of the many attempts on the part of others to place the Council committee on contracts and franchises in a false position with regard to its attitude on the gas question. Chairman Evans yesterday gave out a statement as to the progress that had been made in the consideration of the gas ordinance now in the hands of the committee. He said:

"Speaking for the committee, I want the

people to feel assured that the committee is not playing with the gas question, but is earnestly searching for the truth. Soon after the committee received the ordinance the question of its practicability arose, and attention was called to the possible confusion and annoyance to the consumers, as well as to the gas companies, in carrying out its provisions. The deeper we got into the ordinance the more the committee saw the necessity of a thorough and careful investigation. We found that this is not a simple problem, and that it is not easily solved. Even the city attorney, Mr. Kern, at the meeting Nov. 29 said: 'We do not present this ordinance as the right thing, but it is something on which action can be based,' and when his attention was called to the opportunities for disputes between the consumers and the gas companies which the ordinance would raise, and for which no satisfactory method of adjust-ment was provided, he stated that the con-sumers and the gas companies would have to settle those questions between them-selves. After hearing Mr. Kern, the city attorney, we have heard statements from Mr. Hanna. John H. Holliday, John P. Frenzel and others of the Consumer pany, and have also heard the testimony of Mr. Lyman and Mr. Shackelton, practical gas men of the Consumers' Company. We have not as yet heard any statement

CONFRONTED BY DIFFICULTIES. "The facts stated by Mr. Hanna, Mr. Holliday, Mr. Frenzel and others of the Consumers' Company show some of the great difficulties of the situation. They say that the price of gas under the old ordinance is cheaper than in any other city of the same class, and they say that while the price has remained the same, the cost of bringing the gas to Indianapolis has increased three or four times above the cost when they commenced business, owing to the distance gas is now brought-sixty-two miles-to twenty-five miles formerly. They assure the committee of their willingness to charge only for the gas delivered, and declare that this would be only right and just, but are as positive in their statement that the proposed ordinance will be no relief in this regard, but will make matters worse. They also say that the plan of organization of the company is such that the plant belongs to the city after the balance of the capital stock, about \$197,000, is re-paid to the stockholders, and they say that there are more than two thousand of these stockholders, who are all citizens of In-

from any other gas company.

dianapolis. "There are many difficulties about the question. The committee does not think that the people would wish an ordinance passed which would compel the Consumers or any other company to go out of business, nor an ordinance which would prevent the companies from continuing to drill wells and extend lines to them to supply the city with gas, as this would not be getting more gas, which is the crying demand, but would deprive the city of the gas which it is getting. Mr. Hanna, Mr. Holliday, and all the witnesses we have heard so far state that these things would happen if the revenue of the Consumers Company were diminished. It will thus be seen that the situation is far from simple and the committee, realizing the weight of its duty to the community, proposes, now that the question has been opened, to probe it to the bottom and endeavor to reach a conclusion the justice of which will make it a permanent settlement of this much vexed question. The committee will mee

### again on next Monday night."

MAYOR IN ST. LOUIS. Called There Concerning the Settlement of the Yocum Estate.

Mayor Taggart is in St. Louis as a witness in the case involving the estate of Henry Yocum. The distribution of the estate, which is a large one, depends on whether it can be shown that Mr. Yocum died before or after his only daughter, who was a schoolmate of Miss Florence Taggart. The two girls were with Mr. Yocum on the naphtha launch Paul Jones, which was wrecked in the Gulf of Mexico, with the loss of all those on board. If it can be shown that the father died first the estate would go to his daughter and through her to several relatives who would have a larger proportion of the estate than if i were shown that the daughter died first. It is expected that the mayor's testimony will be of interest on this point.

# A TAILOR'S BILL

Gets an Anti-Trust Man Into a Griev-

ous Predicament. Clay M. C. Peters, whose headquarters as a representative of the Democratic national committee in an effort to organize among traveling men anti-trust societies is at the Grand Hotel, was arrested yesterday on a capias and taken into Justice Lockman's court at the instance of Young & McMurray, tailors, who claimed of him \$63.61 for clothing. Peters claimed he had no money with which to pay the account, and filed schedule of his personal property, which consisted of wearing apparel of the value of \$50. Peters formerly lived at New Carlisle, Ind., but removed to this city to take

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